

## SUPREME COURT

Budget Summary							
Fund	2014-15 Base Year Doubled	2015-17 Governor	2015-17 Jt. Finance	2015-17 Legislature	2015-17 Act 55	Act 55 Change Over Base Year Doubled	
						Amount	Percent
GPR	\$29,983,200	\$31,822,500	\$31,219,300	\$31,219,300	\$31,219,300	\$1,236,100	4.1%
FED	1,800,000	1,871,400	1,871,400	1,871,400	1,871,400	71,400	4.0
PR	29,792,800	24,357,600	24,357,600	24,357,600	24,357,600	- 5,435,200	- 18.2
SEG	1,481,400	1,527,100	1,527,100	1,527,100	1,527,100	45,700	3.1
TOTAL	\$63,057,400	\$59,578,600	\$58,975,400	\$58,975,400	\$58,975,400	- \$4,082,000	- 6.5%

FTE Position Summary						
Fund	2014-15 Base	2016-17 Governor	2016-17 Jt. Finance	2016-17 Legislature	2016-17 Act 55	Act 55 Change Over 2014-15 Base
GPR	114.50	116.50	115.50	115.50	115.50	1.00
FED	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
PR	96.25	96.25	96.25	96.25	96.25	0.00
SEG	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
TOTAL	220.75	222.75	221.75	221.75	221.75	1.00

### Budget Change Items

#### 1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

**Governor/Legislature:** Provide adjustments to the base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$550,200 GPR, \$35,500 FED, \$525,100 PR, and \$19,300 SEG annually); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$50,100 GPR, \$200 FED, \$64,200 PR, and \$3,000 SEG in 2015-16 and \$85,600 GPR, \$200 FED, \$86,200 PR, and \$4,100 SEG in 2015-16).

GPR	\$1,236,100
FED	71,400
PR	1,200,600
SEG	45,700
Total	\$2,553,800

#### 2. CCAP PROGRAM REVENUE REESTIMATE

**Governor/Legislature:** Decrease the Circuit Court Automation Program (CCAP)

PR	- \$6,635,800
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continuing program revenue appropriation to reflect recent expenditures by \$3,312,100 in 2015-16 and \$3,323,700 in 2016-17. Base funding for CCAP is \$10,001,100 annually, and total expenditures in 2013-14 were \$7,556,300 and are estimated to be \$8.4 million in 2014-15.

### 3. **TRANSFER OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION** [LFB Paper 405]

	<b>Governor</b>		<b>Jt. Finance/Leg.</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>(Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>(Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b></b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>
GPR	\$603,200	2.00	- \$603,200	- 2.00	\$0	0.00

**Governor:** Transfer funding and position authority associated with the Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court. Funding would include \$301,300 in 2015-16 and \$301,900 in 2016-17 and 2.0 positions annually. Rename the Supreme Court's Bar Examiners and Responsibility program to be Bar Examiners and Responsibility; Judicial Commission, and create a new biennial appropriation for general program operations of the Judicial Commission and for payments related to contractual agreements for investigations, prosecutions, or both. Under current law, the Judicial Commission general program operations and the contractual services appropriations are budgeted separately. The general program operations appropriation is an annual appropriation, while the contractual services appropriation is biennial.

The Judicial Commission investigates and prosecutes any possible misconduct or permanent disability of Wisconsin judges or court commissioners. The Commission includes nine members: (a) five nonlawyers nominated by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; (b) one Circuit Court judge, one Court of Appeals judge, and two members of the State Bar of Wisconsin, who are not judges or court commissioners, appointed by the Supreme Court. The Commission elects one of its members as chairperson.

**Joint Finance/Legislature:** Delete provision. [See also "Judicial Commission."]

### 4. **CONSOLIDATE THE LAW LIBRARY WITH THE DIRECTOR OF STATE COURTS** [LFB Paper 620]

**Governor/Legislature:** Consolidate the Director of State Court's and the state Law Library's general program operations appropriations and convert the appropriations from an annual to a biennial appropriation. The provision would also transfer the Law Library's library collections and services program revenue appropriation to the Director of State Courts. Delete the Director of State Courts' judicial planning and research appropriation.

Under current law, the Supreme Court operates four general programs: (a) Supreme Court proceedings; (b) Director of State Courts; (c) Bar Examiners and Responsibility; and (d) Law Library. The bill would consolidate the appropriations of the Director of State Courts and Law Library.

[Act 55 Sections: 840 thru 842, and 844 thru 847]

## **5. DELETE THE UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS [LFB Paper 621]**

**Governor:** Delete the current law provision authorizing the Director of State Courts to create a uniform chart of accounts that each county is required to use for recording all financial transactions relating to the operation of circuit courts and allowing the Director of State Courts to audit the submitted information. Delete the requirement that the Director of State Courts annually report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding financial data gathered from the uniform chart of accounts.

The uniform chart of accounts provision was created under the 2007-09 biennial budget act in order to address inconsistencies in county reporting of cost data related to circuit court operations.

**Joint Finance/Legislature:** Delete provision and maintain current law related to the uniform chart of accounts.

## **6. JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION [LFB Paper 430]**

**Governor:** Create a Judicial Compensation Commission consisting of members appointed by the Supreme Court. [The bill does not specify the membership number or composition of the Commission.] Members of the Judicial Compensation Commission must be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred as members of the Commission. The Judicial Compensation Commission would biennially review the salaries of Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges, and circuit court judges. The Commission would submit a written report to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of each even-numbered year. The report would include recommendations on salaries of the justices and judges. Under the bill, the Director of State Courts would provide staffing and support services to the new commission. Specify that judicial salaries established in the biennial compensation plan approved by JCOER would be based on the Commission's report.

Repeal the current law provision specifying that the salary of the Chief Justice shall be different than the salaries established for the associate justices of the Supreme Court. The current salary of the Supreme Court Justices is \$147,403, and the Chief Justice is paid \$155,403.

**Joint Finance/Legislature:** Delete the creation of a Judicial Compensation Commission, but retain provision eliminating the statute specifying that the salary of the Chief Justice shall be different than the salaries established for the associate justices of the Supreme Court.

[Act 55 Section: 914]

## **7. FUND JUDICIAL COUNCIL [LFB Paper 410]**

**Joint Finance/Legislature:** Delete the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the Judicial Council. Maintain the Council as an independent agency. Convert the current staff position (split 0.5 GPR and 0.5 PR position) to a 1.0 PR position funded from the Judicial Council's continuing program revenue appropriation with monies from the Supreme Court's

Director of State Courts and State Law Library programs. [See "Judicial Council"]

**8. STATEWIDE PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS COORDINATOR**

Position	
GPR	1.00

**Joint Finance/Legislature:** Provide 1.0 position annually in the consolidated Director of State Courts and Law Library appropriation for a statewide coordinator for problem-solving courts to support the increasing number of problem-solving courts in the state. Direct the Courts to fund the position utilizing existing resources.

**9. DIRECTOR OF STATE COURTS OPERATING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT**

**Joint Finance/Legislature:** Specify in the statutes that the Director of State Courts (DSC) operates "as directed by the Supreme Court," with regards to the DSCs' general program operations appropriation and the Circuit Courts' circuit court costs appropriation.

Under current law, DSC may make decisions related to DSC's general program operations and circuit court support payments. The bill would specify that the DSC's decisions are made at the direction of the Supreme Court.

[Act 55 Sections: 841 and 4601e]

**10. CCAP DEFINITION AND REMOVAL OF CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM WCCA**

**Joint Finance:** Create statutory language defining the Courts' Consolidated Court Automation programs as follows:

"Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Internet site" means the Internet site of the consolidated court automation programs, which is the statewide electronic circuit court case management system and maintained by the director of state courts.

Specify that the Director of State Courts must remove from the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Internet site all information relating to a criminal case if all of the following have occurred: (a) all charges have been dismissed by the court prior to trial; (b) all dismissed charges were offenses for which the maximum period of imprisonment was six years or less; (c) none of the dismissed changes was for a violent offense as defined in s. 301.048(2)(bm) of the statutes; (d) an order having been issued by the court having jurisdiction to remove such information; and (e) the dismissed charges were filed when the person charged was under the age of 25.

Specify that the change would apply to judgments or orders entered before and after the effective date if information regarding the judgement or order is available on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Internet site on the effective date.

**Senate/Legislature:** Delete provision.